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- 1. The so-called MVD War Institute was located on Leningrad Highway, MOSCOW, about 1,100 feet west of Belorussian Railroad Station and about 1,600 feet east of the Aeronautics institute. It was in a large E-shaped building, having a frontage of about 330 feet and three wings about 150 feet each.
- 2. The institute was under the Ministry of the Interior. It conducted courses for MVD headquarters and unit officers, from first lieutenant to colonel, between the ages of 30 35 years. During the six-month courses the officers were organized into class-room units of about 150 officers. There were usually four or five such units at a time.
- 3. The institute was headed by a genleit, and eight other generals were instructors. The students were regular officers, some Heroes of the Soviet Union. They were billeted in the institute in 20-man rooms.
- 4. Besides lecture rooms and quarters, a printing shop (in the basement), a foreign-language school, and special branch-of-service sections (artillery, engineer, and signal sections) were in the institute building. A target range was behind the building.
- 5. It was believed that the trainees were primarily instructed in tactical and political matters. They often left for tactical walks.
- 6. A guard unit of about two hundred MVD troops armed with pistols and a motor pool with a few passenger cars and about 40 trucks, mostly ZIS, Molotov, and Studebaker makes, were assigned to the institute.
- 7. An MD administration office was possibly located in the building, tool

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